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SUBJECT: UNDOF RENEWAL

1. SC PRESIDENT (GUYANA) TELLS US IT PLANS HOLD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON UNDOF RENEWAL LATE NEXT WEEK, LOOKING TOWARD FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING MAY 26 OR 27. GUYANANS HAVE CONVEYED THIS TO SYRIANS WHO SAY THEY HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS YET, BUT EXPECT THEM EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PERM REP AHMED TELLS US THAT SYRIAN AMB. KELANI IS CONFIDENT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WILL AUTHORIZE CONSENT TO TWO MONTH RENEWAL. AHMED HAD HEARD SAME CORRIDOR RUMOR WE HAVE -THAT SYRIANS WILL AGREE TO EXTEND MANDATE UNTIL UNEF EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY 24, BUT NO LONGER. AHMED CONSIDERS THIS PLAUSIBLE
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THOUGH PROBABLY NOT BASED ON HARD INFORMATION.

3. COMMENT: SEEMS TO US THAT EVEN SHORT GAP OF A WEEK BETWEEN EXPIRY OF TWO MANDATES COULD BE USEFUL. EGYPT COULD CONSIDER TERMS OF UNEF'S NEXT RENEWAL WITHOUT WORRYING UNDULY ABOUT SYRIAN VIEWS, WHILE SYRIA WOULD HAVE PRIOR UNEF EXTENSION AS ARGUMENT THAT IT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT TO RENEW UNDOF. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, IT MAY WISH MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN (TO EGYPT PERHAPS OF POSSIBLY USSR) BEFORE SYRIA GETS LOCKED IN PUBLICLY TO 54 DAY EXTENSION.
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